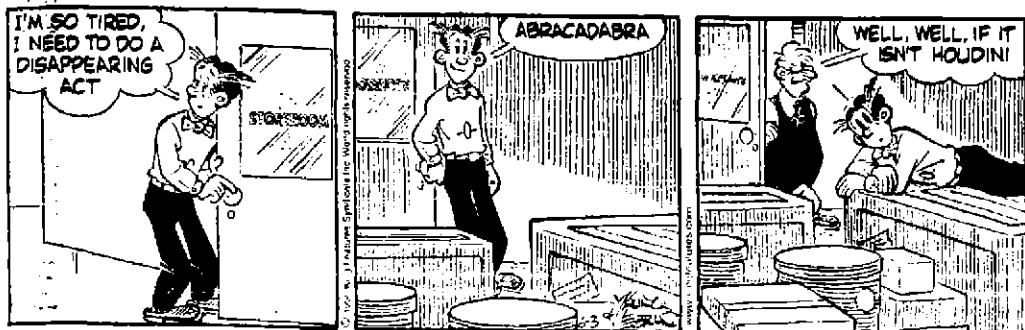
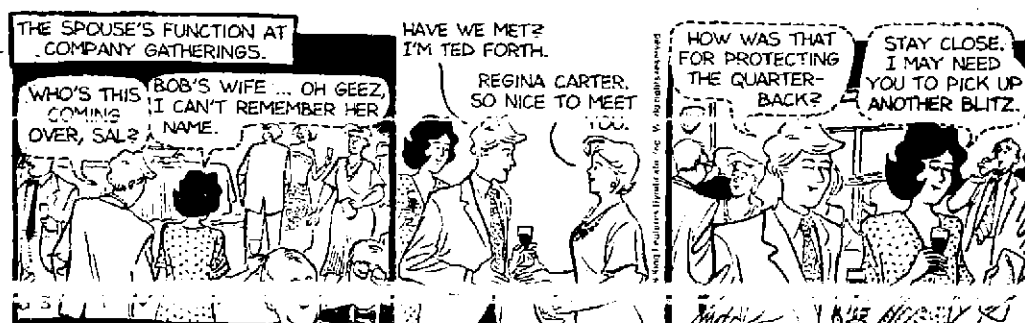


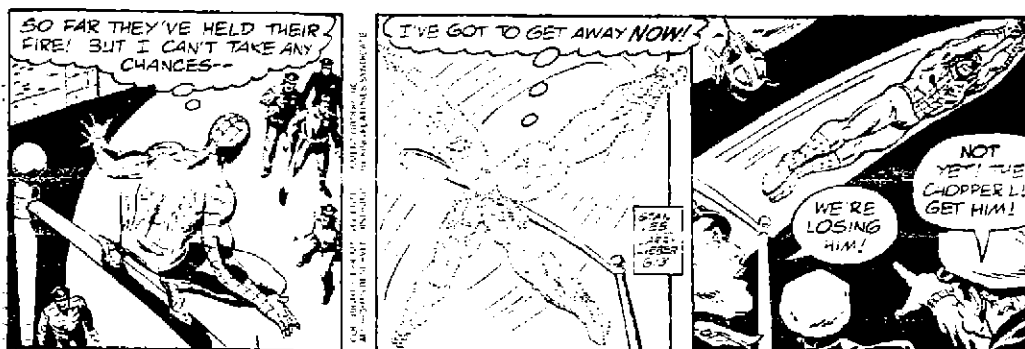
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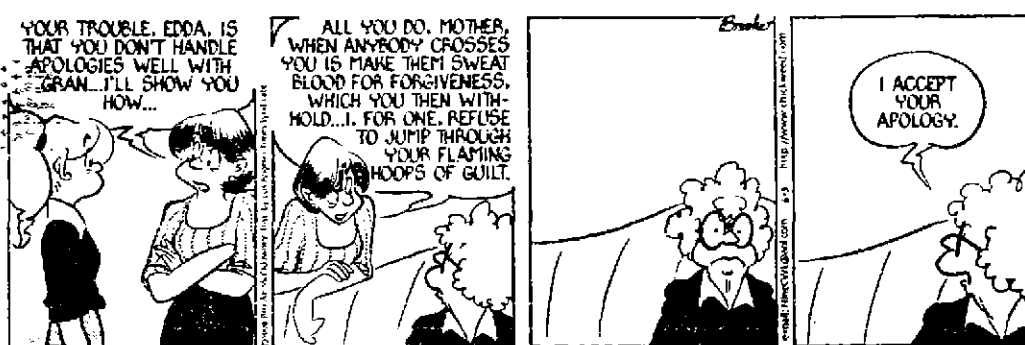
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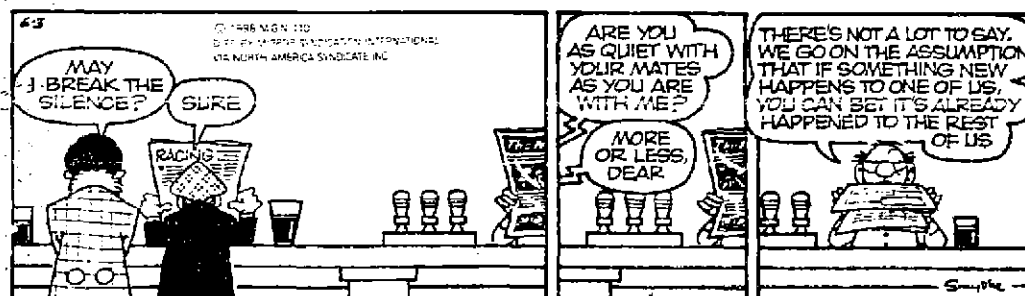
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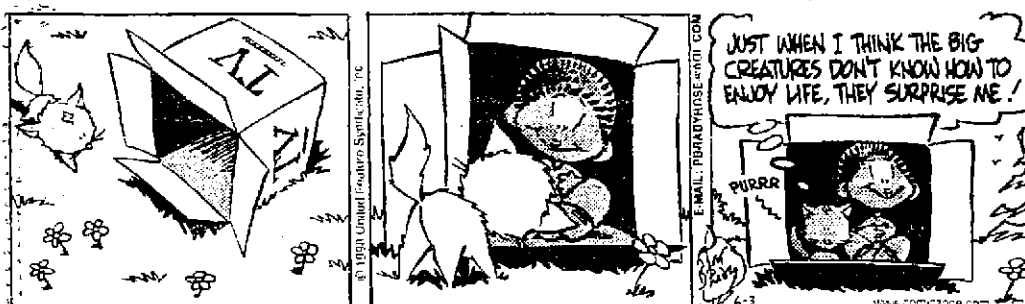
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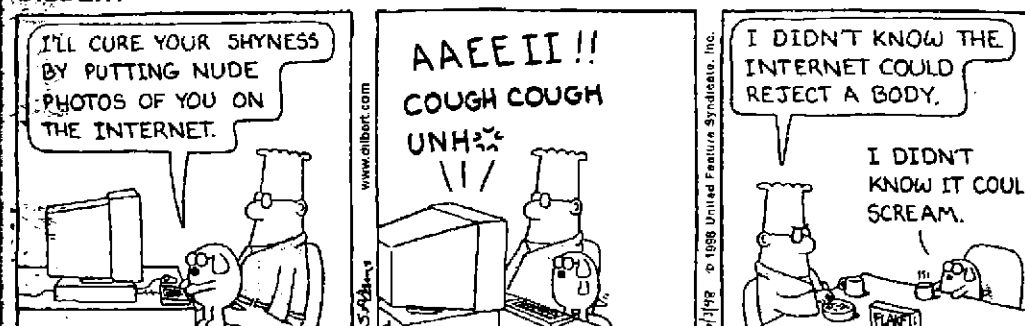
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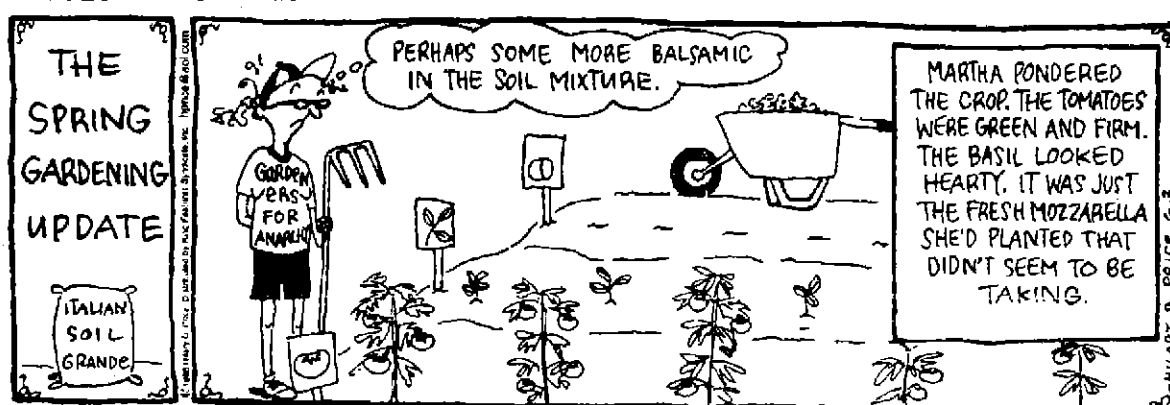
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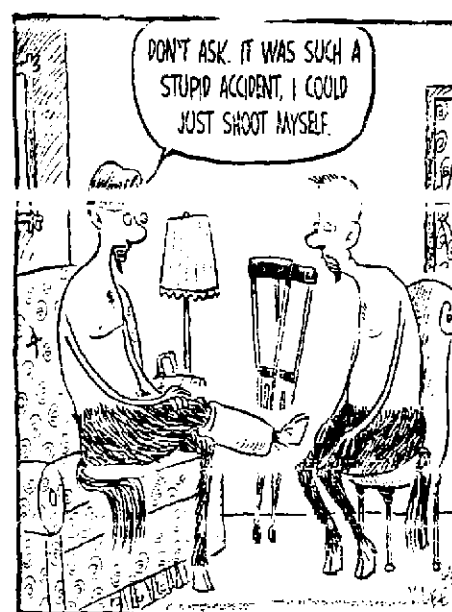
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Today's Birthdays

Actress **Ellen Corby** ("The Waltons") is 87. Actor **Tony Curtis** is 73. Musician **Bootsy** is 49. Producer **Chuck Barris** is 69. Musician **Curtis Mayfield** is 56. Musician **Too Slim** (Riders in the Sky) is 50. Singer **Suzi Quatro** is 48. Singer **Deneice Williams** is 47. Rock musician **Billy Powell** (Lynyrd Skynyrd) is 46. Actor **Scott Valentine** ("Family Ties") is 40. Singers **Gabriel** and **Ariel Hernandez** (No Mercy) are 27.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 165-175

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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S	O	O	I	N	P	T
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rack 1
rack 2
rack 3
rack 4

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

-Falls

Y D A X U R A O L J G D A C X
V S P N K T I N F A N G E L C
A X V S I Q O A L J H D E I C
A X A H V T R I I H A P X E N
L J C M H F D D T R G U B V Y
X I N T E R N A T I O N A L V
W T R E P R M N D I H T O A M
K I G E V A I A S T A A C D D
B Z X W L E H C U W Y E T I R
Q O N K L O S J A I U R I R V
G F D A R A G A I N C G C B A

Tuesday's unlisted clue: MAYFLOWER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: WINGED SPIRITUAL BEING

American	Cuyahoga	Klamath	Twin
Bridalveil	Great	Niagara	Victoria
Canadian	Idaho	Seven	Wichita
Cedar	International	Sioux	

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, June 4, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A magnanimous gesture on your part goes a long way. However, stop patting yourself on the back about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You effect a change in the workplace that benefits everyone. Co-workers, especially, are grateful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're happily ensconced in your work routine and get much done as a result. You take comfort in the tried and true.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A petty matter at work irritates you. However, try to take this in stride.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A break in the action is just what you need at the moment. Enjoy this little breather.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Underneath it all, you're really a softie. Usually loath to show this side to people, you can't help it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You seem to be tending to everyone's needs lately but your own. Take some time out to think about how to change this situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're taken by surprise at the depth of a sibling's resentment over something that happened long ago.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Despite recent developments, it's very much a routine day for you. The dust has settled, and everyone has gone his own way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You can't always fix every situation, and this is no exception. On the work front, you're busy and productive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You realize too late that you really do get what you pay for. Next time don't be so quick to snatch at a bargain.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You're in a very aggressive mood and will go for what you want. However, don't let this interfere with your treatment of those around you.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I was the victim of a nefarious opening lead," lamented South. "How was I to divine he had under the spade ace?"

"You might have suspected something," offered North. "He did open the bidding, and he took forever to choose his lead. Nevertheless, although I can't fault you for misguessing in spades, you really should have deciphered how to play the trumps." With no attractive lead, West pondered his choices and eventually led a low spade. His reasoning was good.

North's takeout double promised strength in spades, and if East had the queen, he might hit the jackpot. And hit it he did. South reluctantly played low from dummy, and East won his queen. East returned a spade to West's ace, and a third round went to dummy's jack, with South discarding a diamond. With the diamond ace still at large, South's remaining problem was to avoid a trump loser. He led a low trump to his king and returned a challenging trump jack, but West was ready. Unflinchingly, he played low and South took another wrong view. He took dummy's ace. East discarded, and the remaining trump loser meant one down. Was North's claim about trumps valid? Yes, he had a good point. Going wrong in spades was one thing; the duck could have been correct. In trumps it was another matter. South should have asked himself, "Why would West have risked the underlead of the spade ace?" The obvious answer was that he did not have a less risky lead, making West the favorite to hold the queen of trumps.

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

The bidding:
West 1♠ North East South
1♠ Dbl. Pass 2♥
Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Spade deuce

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0422

ACROSS

- 1 Not for here
- 5 Garfield's middle name
- 10 Use a lot
- 14 No longer thinking about
- 15 "The Lord of the Rings" character
- 16 Initial say
- 17 Line of collectible 1980's cards
- 20 Sovereign
- 21 Like Poe stories
- 22 "Fancy —"
- 23 Broadcast snafu
- 25 Like Samsung Corporation
- 26 Part of a screwdriver
- 29 Some newspaper pages
- 30 Abbreviated version
- 31 Diving position
- 35 G-man
- 36 Tabloid talk shows, e.g.
- 39 Up — point
- 40 Jockey's need
- 42 Sub in a tub
- 43 Otherwise
- 45 Train track
- 47 Grievously
- 48 "Oklahoma!" choreographer
- 51 Bash
- 52 In the bag
- 53 Astrigent's target
- 57 Ignorers of sound diet
- 60 Hurier Hersher
- 61 "Romola" writer
- 62 Lollapalooza
- 63 Withered
- 64 Taylor of "The Nanny"
- 65 London finales

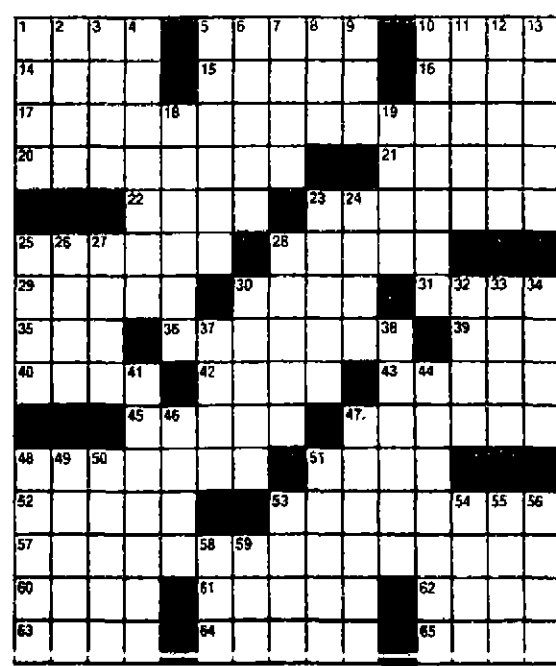
DOWN

- 1 Senate attire
- 2 Face shape
- 3 Kind of warfare
- 4 Took a round trip?
- 5 Knitter's project
- 6 A.L. batting champ in three different decades
- 7 Not pouring smoothly, as a liquid
- 8 Org. quoted on toothpaste tubes
- 9 Miss Piggy, self-referentially
- 10 Prodded
- 11 Director
- 12 They form central angles
- 13 30's-40's bandleader Kay
- 16 Shocked
- 19 Job for a plumber
- 23 Hawaiian warbler
- 24 Roman Catholic org. since 1882
- 25 Phone button

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

KHAN MOMA PACER
NODE ERIC ADALE
OLDASMETHUSELAM
YES COMEON NAPE
FRI SORT ISM
OCULARS ERASE
NEWAMSTERDAM
TEEM AGO YEAR
BORROWEDTIME
GRETA SNEAKIN

NIPS ELLIOT ZIG
BLUEGRASSREGION
ALTAR MOLE ANNA
PEERE APED SCAT



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

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| 27 Start from scratch | 46 Hebrew leader | 53 Vaihalla V.I.P. |
| 28 Carpenter's clats | 47 Show respect to | 54 German article |
| 29 "Atlantic City" director | 48 Karate schools | 55 Spring purchase |
| 32 The — Reader | 49 Accustom | 56 Lat., Lth. and Ukr., once |
| 33 Self-assurance | 50 Worker with a pick | 58 Arithmetic contraction |
| 34 Sluttish's love? | 51 Popular action figure | 59 Good — boy |
| 37 Disturb | | |
| 38 String in a string quartet | | |
| 41 Sharp point | | |
| 44 "In & Out" director, 1987 | | |

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